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Softball? Who you kidding?

If you walk or drive in the "back-40" of the college parking lot toward the Fire College, you will find the Lady Buccaneers' two-year-old softball field. Watch for a few innings, and you will wonder how it is that the game is still called *softball*.

With 70 miles-per-hour fastballs thrown from just 43-feet, the game is played at a pace and with an air of danger that is palpable and thrilling. All the more wonder that the Buccaneers are hitting the ball at a very high rate, with several batters hitting at over the .400 mark.

The Shelton State Community College Lady Buccaneers softball team continued its hot season with a 9-4 victory over Southern Union on Monday, April 8.

Cass Martin (1-0) picked up her first win of the season for Shelton. Martin pitched four

innings, striking out four and allowing four hits.

Amy Busing and Kara Roberts led Shelton on offense. Busing was 2-for-4 with a triple

Shelton State is now 23-4. Shelton's lead hitter this year is freshman Amy Busing who has a batting average of .495. Busing also leads the team in triples

batting average of .486.

Leading with most doubles and RBI is sophomore Lindsey Wyatt, whose batting average is .467. Sophomore Amy Ballard is second in most steals with 9 and a batting average of .415.

The two lead pitchers for the Bucs are Mandy Russell, freshman, 10-4, and Sara Winton, freshman, 8-1.

Shelton started this year with 23 girls and as far as recruiting, head coach Melissa Bautista said, "A lot of the girls will be returning next year, but I've signed two girls from Moody. All we are really looking for is pitching and a third baseman. I'm receiving a lot of tapes and hope to focus more on recruiting soon," Bautista said.

Shelton played Northwest



Shelton fireballer Mandy Russell has helped lead the Lady Bucs to a sterling 23-4 record this season

Photo by Jenifer Wallace

and three RBI. Roberts was 2-for-3 with two RBI.

and steals. Freshman shortstop Kara Roberts is in second with a

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Shelton helps put backbone into Englewood education

During the week of April 8 students of Englewood Elementary visited the campus for some special instruction on the wonderful world of vertebrates and invertebrates.

Biology Instructor Chris Haynes was given the honors of conducting the tour of a wider biological world. On the second day covering animals with backbones, he asked his charges questions from the previous day's discussion. The enthusiasm of the answers were of the sort rarely heard in the college's halls.

"They just loved it!" said Englewood teacher Emily King, who brought the kids to college along with teacher Jimmie Ann Cork and teacher's aide Theresa Pritchett.

"Shelton was just great," said King. "They not only did a

wonderful job with the classes, but they sent their bus and picked us up and brought us back to our door!"

Besides biology, Shelton

also conducted an experiment in aerodynamics by having the children build paper airplanes they aimed from the third floor of the atrium. The most suc-

cessful engineers were David Burkhalter, Emily Harbin, Cole Williams, John Woodridge, Casandra Sparks and Case Nixon.



Biology Instructor Chris Haynes spent quality show-and-tell time with Englewood Elementary students

Gouge O'Life

By Ben Herdman

Spring break is always an exciting time of the year for all college kids. It's time to go to the beach and get into as much trouble as possible. Panama City Beach is the happening place to be. It's the most wonderful feeling to arrive at the gulf and take that first whiff of the fresh salt-water air.

Well, I hope you enjoyed your stay at the beach, because I didn't do jack! My funds were limited and I broke my car recently. I spent hours thinking about what to do with myself. I walked down to my favorite cafe for a cup of coffee and it was closed. All of Tuscaloosa was a ghost town.

Halfway into the week, I ran into Grandpa Jerry, an old friend. He's not really my grandfather. That's just a term of endearment I gave him because he's fifty years my senior. He told me he was heading down to the golf course and invited me to join him for a game. I hadn't picked up a golf club in a decade, but I agreed to go anyway.

He gave me a ride home to pick up the dusty set of clubs that I used for the junior golf tour when I was about ten. They were about a foot too short, but I thought that would make the game more interesting.

There is something you should know about Grandpa Jerry. I've never seen the man sober in my life. I once saw him drink ten beers without ever leaving his seat. Now that takes practice! I figured I should drive the golf cart.

Golf has got to be the most mentally frustrating game. Leave it to some crazy Scotsman to invent a sport where you chase a tiny white ball around the woods with a crooked stick.

On the tenth hole the old man hit his ball into the pond. He poured obscenities and gouged divots into the fairway with his nine iron. I tried to calm him down, and when I tried to take the iron away from him, he

A Day on the Links

almost chewed my hand off. His anger escalated to the point where he just hurled his entire set of clubs into the pond.

Jerry was bold enough to continue the game using my set. He's at least 6 feet tall and had to kneel down to execute a more accurate swing, and by God, this improved his entire game! He finished three strokes under his average. I did so badly that I didn't even mark my score.

There had been enough action for the day. I sold my clubs to Grandpa Jerry for twenty bucks and called it a day.



Illustration by Abbot

"Keep Looking Up!"

By Dr. Lee Albritton



During the last few days of April and the first few of May, we have truly one of the most spectacular sights that one can observe in our solar system: five planets close together in the night sky.

To locate them simply find a nice spot to observe the sunset during this time period. Since the planets all go around the sun in a plane called the ecliptic when we view them from Earth, they will be in a straight line. This plane runs through the 12 familiar constellations that we call the zodiac. As twilight starts, draw an imaginary

line from the point on the horizon where the sun set with a slightly southern tilt from vertical. The five planets will slowly start appearing on this line as the sky gets darker, with Jupiter and Venus first.

The very bright Jupiter will be the top planet and will be about halfway from the horizon to the very top of the sky. It is in the bottom of the constellation Gemini and you will find two fairly bright stars about Jupiter. Next along the ecliptic is Saturn, with the red planet Mars just a few degrees below it. Venus, equally as bright as Jupiter,

Planet Extravaganza

is next and is located to the right of the V-shape of Taurus. Below Venus and the V of Taurus is the fairly dim planet Mercury.

Jupiter and Saturn will remain basically in the same position since their orbits are so large, but it will be fun to watch the other three move. By May 10, Venus and Mars will be almost together and will be slightly above Saturn with Mercury below Saturn.

Keep looking up and catch this spectacular event for it will be another 38 years before it happens again, according to a neat article in the May issue of *Discover* magazine.

Off the Shelf . . .

New works available in the Brooks-Cork Library

By Glen Johnson

On the Best-Seller Shelf...

Patricia Cornwell's newest book *Isle of Dogs* has her moving from mere fiction to the heady realm of satire. In it, Virginia's tightly wound governor enacts a new policy of using air surveillance on speeders and tics off the denizens of the Chesapeake Bay island of Tangiers who promptly declare war on their own state. Fate drops this whole mess predictably in the lap of State Police Commissioner Judy Hammer and her right-hand state trooper Andy Brazil. Satire's a good deal trickier than just plain crime fiction. Does Cornwell's reach exceed her grasp? Read and see, read and see.

As if we needed any more proof that life beats fiction, provided it's the right life, along comes *Milking the Moon* the memoirs of that international bon vivant Eugene Walter. Here he describes his early life in Mobile during the 1920's and '30s, his subsequent move to Greenwich Village in the '40's

and followed by Paris in the '50s (where he helped found the *Paris Review*), and on to the cinema business of Rome in the '60s (where he landed a job in Fellini's eight), as well as all the memorable and fascinating people in between.

Softball in New England. Sounds like ample grounds for a murder. And in Robert Parker's *Death in Paradise*, that's just what Police Chief Jesse Stone has been up to (well, softball, not murder) when he's hanging a round after the game with several of his lumpy cronies and up onto the beach washes a body that looks like it mighta usta of been a girl. Come on, guys. We better go see.

Health Care: A Comprehensive Review in Respiratory Care, by Vijay M. Deshpande; *The Joint Health Prescription*, by James M. Rippe; *Arthritis*, by Eugene R. Zampieron; *Occupational Health and Safety*, by Robert G. Confer; *Vegetarian Times Vegetarian Beginner's Guide*, Bruce D. Clayton.

Art: One-Story Homes, by Alice Meriwether Bowsher; *The Life and Works of Frank Lloyd Wright*, by Maria Costantino.

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Shoals on Tuesday, April 16. Shelton came from behind 2-0 to win 3-2 in the first game. In the second game, the Bucs kept it close, down 1 run in the bottom of the 7th with runners on 2nd and 3rd with two outs.

The third base runner was caught in a run down and tagged for the final out. Shelton lost a heart breaker, 6-5. Shelton will also have to face Northwest Shoals, who is in Shelton's division, in the post season.

Shelton will go to the state tournament where they must defeat four teams to claim Division champs. Shelton has 200 runs against their opponents. They have only 84 against Shelton.

"Things at Shelton have been really different from what I expected. I was afraid of how the girls would react to being coached by someone so close to their age. However, the girls have really been respectful. They seem to treat me as if I'm 30 and not so much their age," Bautista said.

Bautista also said, "The team as a whole has a great chemistry. I made it clear from the beginning the team would win and lose as a team. There would be no individual players and they have really done this throughout the season."

Shelton plays most games as double-headers at 1 p.m. Their last two home games are April 21 and 25.



Shelton Softball Head Coach Melissa Bautista says she was surprised at how readily the Lady Buccaneers accepted her as coach at a relatively young age



Pitcher Sara Winton has lead the Lady Buccaneers with an 8-1 pitching record

Brenizer brings home some hardware

By Jonathan King

Shelton State Biology Instructor Sarah Brenizer was nominated by the school to represent it at the International Conference of College Teaching and Learning.

She received one of 70 awards presented to innovators of learning from colleges worldwide. To receive the award, each nominee was required to give a presentation at the conference.

Brenizer, who maintains the Internet biology course at Shelton State, gave a presentation on how to avoid the pitfalls in developing an Internet course.

She said she has had lots of well wishers. "It's nice to know your peers are proud of you and your accomplishments."



Biology Instructor Sarah Brenizer brought home an award from the International Conference of College Teaching and Learning
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Sports

—The Buccaneers are Here to Play—

Buccaneer pitching leading team to success, pointing to playoffs

On Friday, April 5, Middle Georgia Community College defeated Shelton State 6-5. On Saturday, April 6, the teams split a doubleheader with Shelton State winning the opener 11-8, before falling 6-5 in the nightcap.

The Shelton State Buccaneers had back-to-back strong pitching performances to sweep a doubleheader from the Gadsden State Cardinals 4-2 and 1-0 Tuesday, April 9. Ryan Beagle pitched 6 1/3 innings for the opening-game victory, allowing five hits, two walks and striking out six. Brian Hunter suffered

the loss. Bruce Sprowl, Jody Colvin and Beagle each had two hits for the Buccaneers.

In the second game, Taylor Ponpious pitched six innings for the victory, allowing one hit, two walks and striking out two. Austin Tubbs pitched the final inning for the save.

The Bucs relied on strong pitching as they took a doubleheader from Beville-Sumiton on Saturday, April 13.

Shelton won the first game 8-1 and completed the sweep with a 9-2 win.

John Taylor (6-0) won the first game as he pitched six innings, giving up four hits and one run, while striking out six.

In the second game, Brett Sullivan (5-0) pitched six innings giving up six hits and two runs with six strikeouts.

Beville-Sumiton scored two runs to cut the lead to 4-2 before Brett Davis doubled in the sixth inning and scored on a Nick Richardson sacrifice fly.

The Buccaneers secured

the win with four runs in the seventh inning.

Sprowl hit a two-RBI single, and later scored on a passed ball, and Richardson singled in the final run of the game.

Shelton State (25-12) played Jeff State Tuesday, April 16, with a win in the first game 4-0. Ace pitcher Ryan Beagle opened up with a great pitching series, striking out the lead off batter, grounding out the second and ended the inning with another strikeout.

"We have seen each other before, it's like you're a Major League team when you face the same team numerous times" said head coach Bobby Sprowl. "I thought it was going to be a low scoring game, both teams played good defense." "We made the best pitches and got some good swings at the plate." Shelton State now has a six game lead in the division over Jeff State.

With just 13 games left to play in eight days, the Bucs are looking strong for the playoffs and more than likely have to face Jeff State one more time.

Two more Buc golfers sign with universities

With their own cakes decorated in the colors of their prospective new schools, Buc golfers Will Taylor and Calle Andren signed to play college golf for two more years.

Shelton has sent Taylor to Southern Mississippi and Andren to East Carolina.

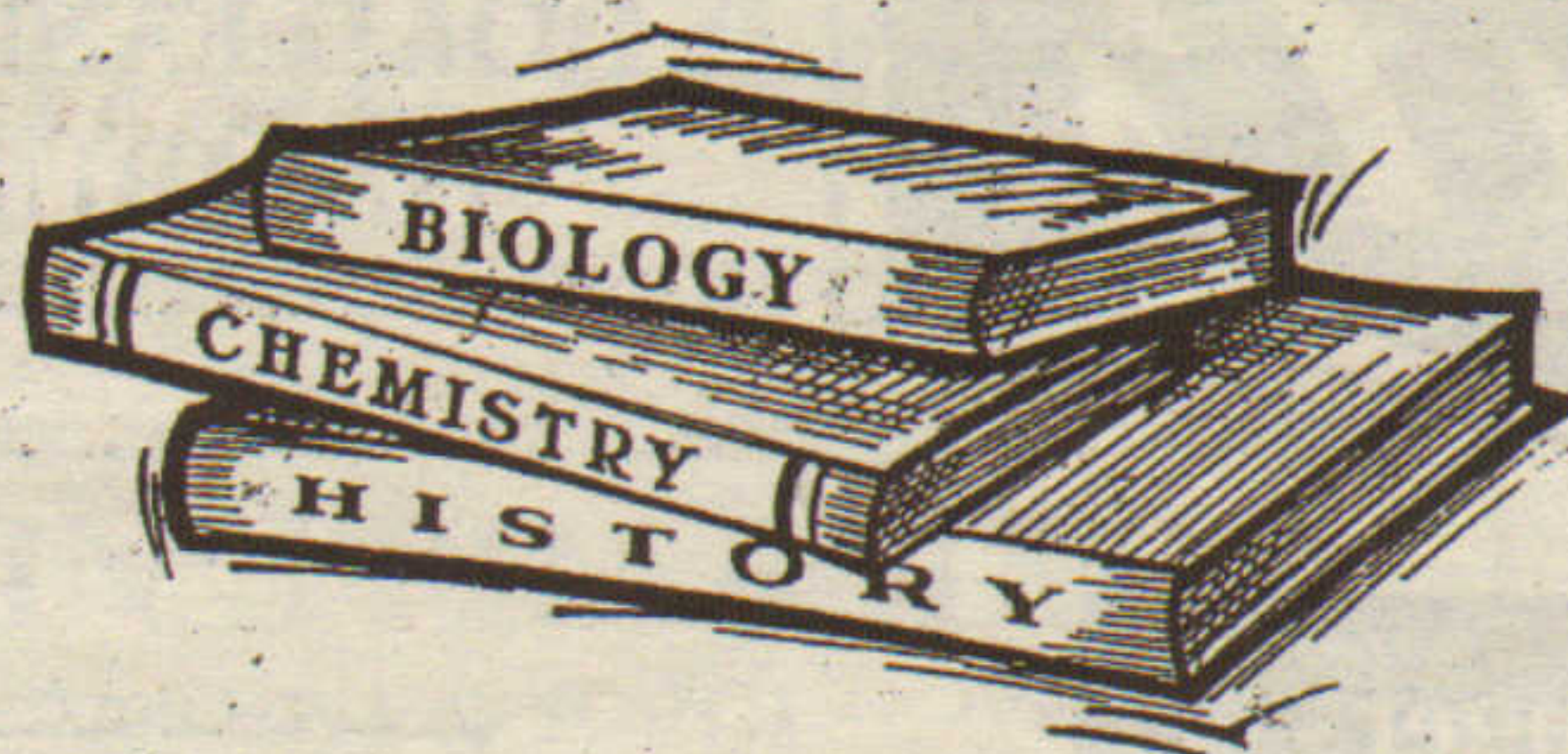
"We're going to miss them," said Head Coach Matt Terry. "They were both great guys and great golfers; they were both All-Americans and members of Phi Theta Kappa, so they were also great students."



Calle Andren (L) and Will Taylor sign to continue their college careers surrounded by family and teammates.



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Music department schedules two concerts

On Thursday, April 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the Bean-Brown Theatre the Shelton Singers will present a musical theatre revue, which they are calling *A Grand Night for Singing*.

In honor of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Richard Rodgers, the evening will open with a medley of Rodgers and Hammerstein show tunes.

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Walt Disney, there will also be a Disney theme song presented as one of several solo performances. Numbers from the dance show *Sweet Charity* and the 1970's hit *Godspell* will complete the concert. Glinda Blackshear and Mark Brown will

conduct; Syble Coats and Nicky Wilson will accompany. Ray Taylor is choreographer. The performance is free and open to the public.

On Tuesday, May 30, at 7:30 p.m. in the atrium, the Shelton Jazz Ensemble and the vocal ensemble Bach to Rock will present a free concert.

The Jazz Ensemble is under the direction of Dr. Alan Blackshear and plays big band jazz in a variety of styles. Bach to Rock is a group of 12 singers who sing both solo and together to perform repertoire from all periods and styles of music. Glinda Blackshear directs this group as they perform for area schools and community groups.

LLI to hold second long-term care seminar

It's something you hope you'll never need! But if you come to a point in your life where long-term care is necessary, you'll be glad you planned ahead.

Shelton State Community College's Life Time Learning Institute will hold the second of two free semi-

nars on long-term care, on April 23 at 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

The seminar will be held in the Alabama Power Recital Hall located on Shelton's Martin Campus. Babs Hart will lead the seminar. For more information, call (205) 391-2999.

Alumni Association to hold meeting

The Shelton State Alumni Association will hold its annual meeting and dinner on Tuesday, April 23, beginning at 6 p.m. on the college's Martin Campus. Guest speaker for the evening is Kari Kubiszyn Kampakis.

Tickets are \$10 each and reservations may be made by calling the Shelton State alumni office, (205) 391-2252. Deadline for reservations is Friday, April 19. Current and former faculty, staff and students along with friends of the college are invited to attend.

Kampakis, 29, is a native of Tus-

caloosa and the president of Kampakis Designs of Huntsville, Ala. While working on her MBA at the University of Alabama, Kampakis developed an idea for a business and pursued it after graduation. Today her company, Kampakis Designs, produces original children poem prints, each originally handcrafted in watercolors. Kampakis works in her home as a business and creative writer. Her talk for the evening will center on "Entrepreneurship: Starting your own business."

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Shelton provides theatrical boot camp—and advanced training

By Michael Smith

Shelton Fine Arts Centre and the Bean-Brown Theatre has been in operation for only four years. In that short time the theatre, which seats 444, has become recognized as one of the most attractive and functional facilities in Alabama.

Besides being a first-class facility on its own, Shelton's program has become somewhat of a farm team for the University of Alabama. Slated for May graduation in theatre from the University of Alabama, 23 year-old Eric Curtis was one of the first students at Shelton State to be involved in the theatre department. His story is emblematic of the role Shelton has come to assume in the theatre world of the area and state.

Many students enrolled in a two-year junior college or four-year university experiences an educational downfall once in a while. Shelton State alumnus Eric Curtis experienced a drop in his grade point average in the spring semester of 1998 while attending the University of Alabama.

Curtis wanted to enroll in the theatre department at the University of Ala-

bama but his grades wouldn't let him pursue that avenue. In the fall semester of 1998 Curtis transferred to Shelton State Community College to take a few core classes to bring up his GPA. The Director of Shelton's Dance Department, Louise Crofton was Curtis's advisor. "I wanted to take biology, but she talked me into taking an acting techniques class," remembers Curtis.

The Bean-Brown Theatre, in the Tuscaloosa Fine Arts Centre on the Shelton State campus, opened the same semester of Curtis's enrollment. "It was totally by chance," said Curtis. Shelton's theatre department enabled him to meet a variety of new people, learn acting skills with a smaller group, and surround himself in a less pressured environment. "The theatre department at Alabama is an accelerated process," explains Curtis. Growing together with a smaller group of people at Shelton gave Curtis the assertiveness that he needed to expand his dreams of acting.

The first acting role that Curtis was involved in was the production of *Our Town*, playing the part of Editor Webb. Shelton State's Department of Theatre instructor Michael Carr directed the play.

In the fall season of 1999 he played the part of John Proctor in *The Crucible*, his first major role. In the summer of 1999 Theatre Tuscaloosa's production of *Annie Get Your Gun*, he held the title of stage manager.

His involvement with other productions gave him the chance to work with Theatre Tuscaloosa's executive director, Paul K. Looney; Technical Director, Charlie Dennis; Managing Director, Doug Perry; and Shelton State's Michael Carr. "Without those four people I wouldn't have enjoyed all the facets of theatre and really learned what the true definition of dedication was," said Curtis. "I was part of learning process where I could try out new styles," said Curtis. "Shelton State's Theatre Department was my foundation."

The latest performance by Curtis was playing the lead role as Don Tindall in George Sklar's, *And People All Around*, directed by Tina Fitch. The play was held April 10-14 at the Allen Bales Theatre on the University of Alabama's campus. Curtis will receive his undergraduate degree in theatre this spring at the university. Future plans for him this summer include working for the Saudi



Shelton theatre alumnus Eric Curtis has made his way through UA theatre

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Circle K seeks membership increase

By Chris Lewis

Shelton State Community College's Circle K offers a great way to involve students in "campus and community service" while developing quality leaders and citizens. "Circle K is a service organization built on leadership and fellowship," said Kim Eaton, a Shelton State alumna and one of Circle K's chartering members. She holds the position of Lt. Gov. of the Warrior District.

Circle K has been a very popular club

at Shelton State, but this present school year there has been a decline in membership. Each Circle K club is required to have at least 15 members in order to remain active. At this moment there are only 11 members.

Circle K membership requires a \$30 membership fee and members must volunteer at least six hours of community service per semester. Due to the need for members, David Womack a Kiwanis Sponsor, has convinced the Kiwanis club to pay half of the membership fee if the membership reaches 20.

Circle K has many upcoming events. A dog and cat food drive for the Animal Shelter will be held throughout the remainder of the school year. On May 25, 2002 there will be a carwash at Arby's on McFarland Blvd. from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The Leadership Development Conference will be held on April 20-21, 2002 in Jasper, Ala, and the Circle K International Convention August 10-14, 2002 in Orlando, Fl.

If anyone is interested in joining Circle K or would like more information about Circle K come to a meeting on Tuesday nights at 5 p.m. in room 1413.

State Board drops attendance requirement

The Alabama State Board of Education recently approved a policy to remove the authorization of assigning a grade of "F" for lack of attendance as a course grade.

Academic Dean Camille Cochrane issued a memo to the college faculty indicating that the policy must be followed. "So that we are in compliance with board action, the College will adopt this policy effective immediately. Therefore, any grade of 'F' or 'WF' earned by a student must be based on performance and not number of absences."

Shelton and JVC rep's present jointly during national conference

Linda Grote, assistant dean of administrative services for Shelton State, and Dave Rodgers, manager of external affairs at JVC America Inc., recently presented a program on workforce development at Arizona State University. Grote and Rodgers presented a session entitled "West Alabama Works: Collaborative Initiative of Shelton State Community College and the West Alabama Chamber of Commerce." The session was part of a program presented at the Microcomputers in Education

Conference (MEC) 2002.

This past year Shelton State Community College and the West Alabama Chamber of Commerce have embraced a community model for a computer-based workforce development initiative. Using ACT Work Keys skill levels to match potential workers and jobs, a website provides resources for career development for students, parents, and teachers. Rodgers serves as chair of the Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama-Workforce Development Committee.

Shelton gets more federal grant money for more students

Shelton State recently received word from the Department of Education that the college will receive a substantial funding increase in the amount of money allotted for its Federal Work Study program (FWS) and its Supplement Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG).

The amount of money received for the SEOG increased 35% over what was received during the 2001-02 year. Shelton State received \$125,177 in 2001-02 and will receive \$150,000 in 2002-03 for the SEOG program. In 2001-02

Shelton received \$148,272 from the federal government as part of its Federal Work Study program. Next year the college will receive \$200,000 for this program.

"Colleges must apply each year for the money that is allotted to them for these programs," said Shelton President Rick Rogers. "The more people who apply for Pell Grants, the greater the increase in funding. This large funding increase is due directly to Shelton's large enrollment increase."

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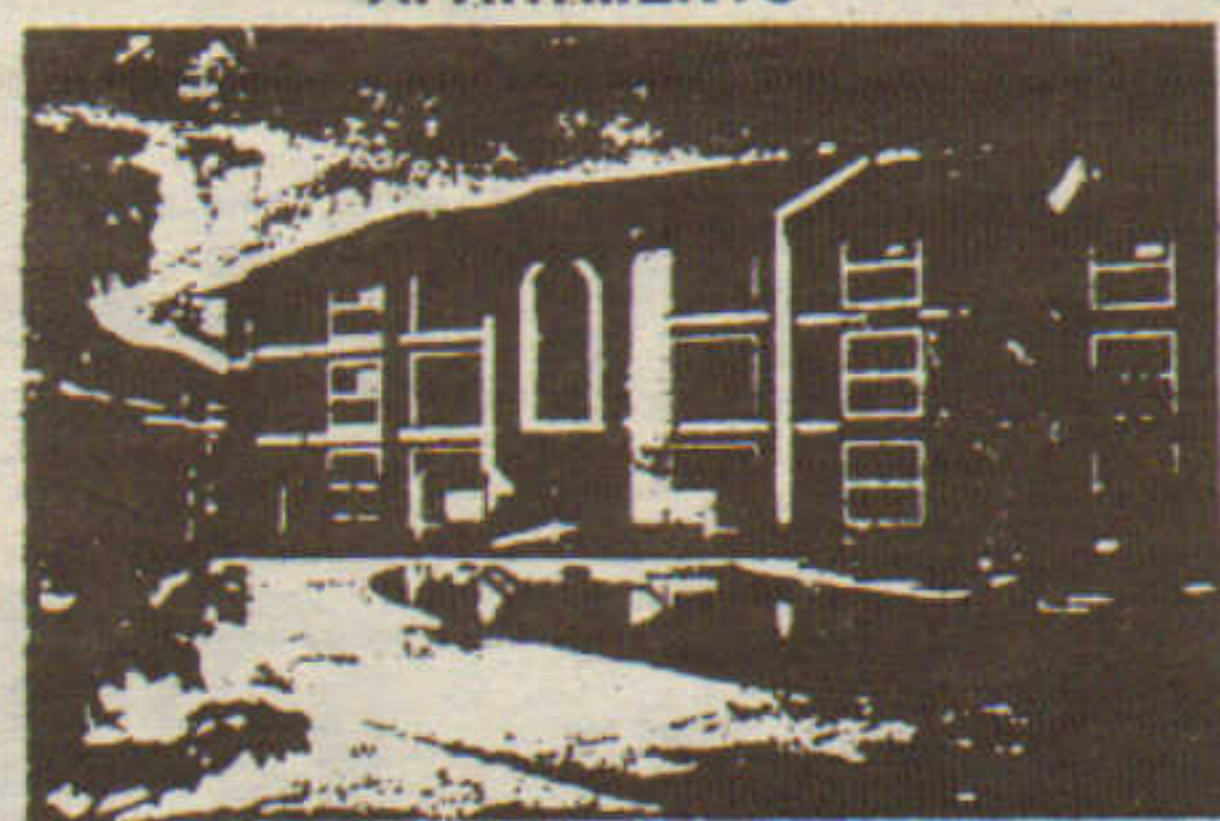
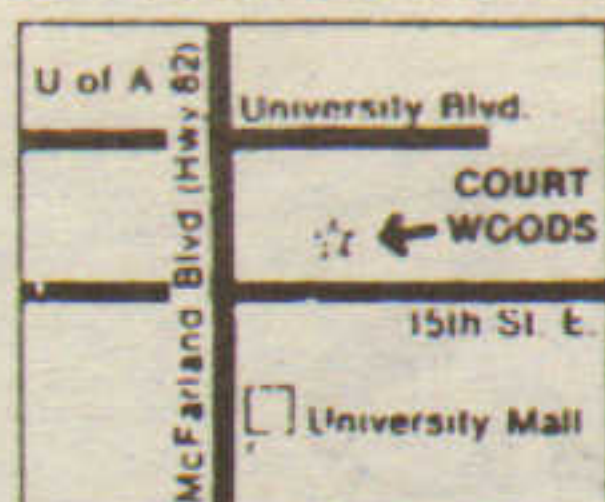
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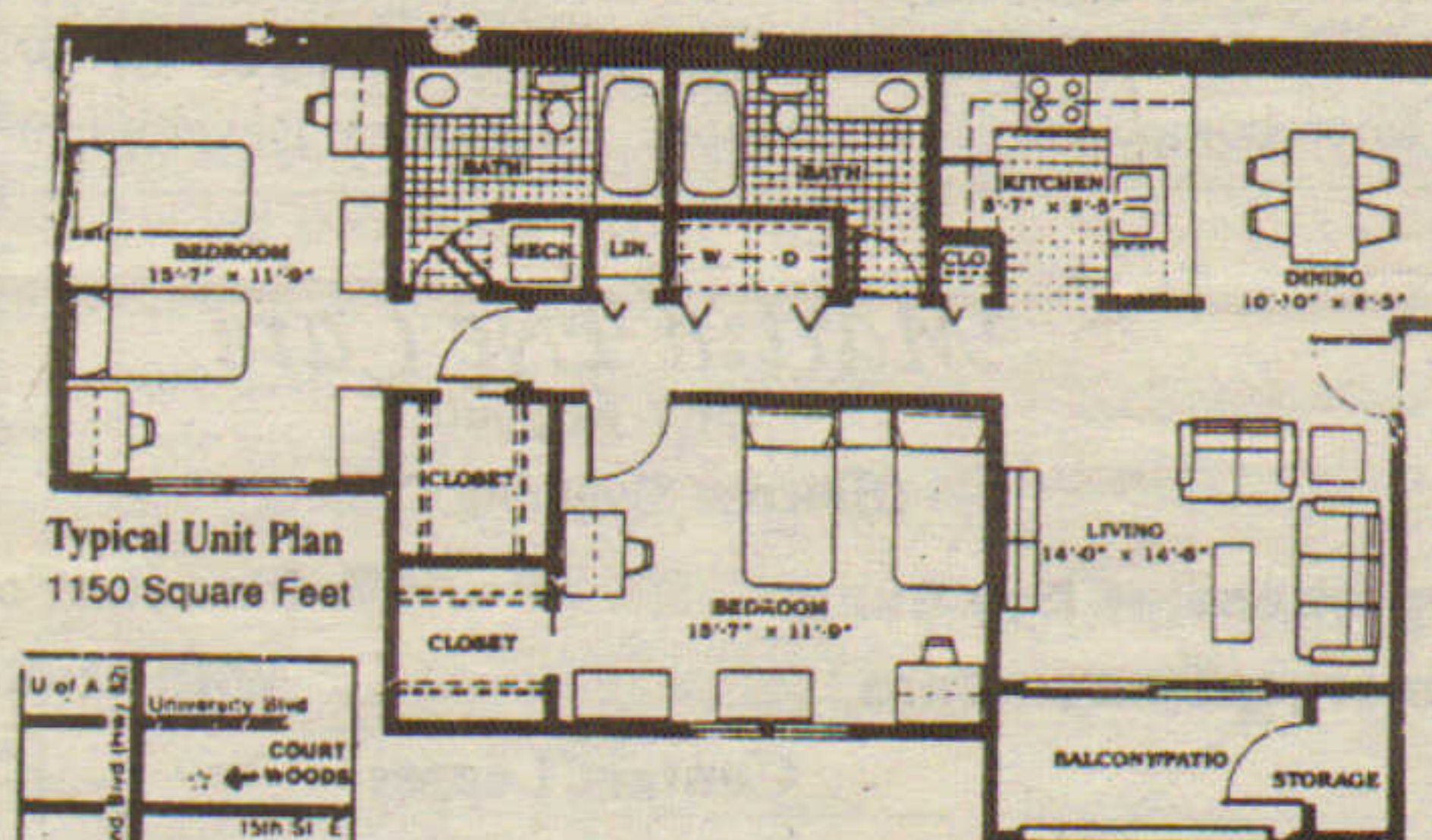


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